

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 44

January 14, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any city or county to establish the elected office of school superintendent by vote of the city or county governing body by a referendum. Requires any candidate for elected superintendent to have a baccalaureate degree. Transfers certain powers and duties of the appointed director of schools to the local board of education or elected superintendent in any city or county that has chosen to establish the office of elected superintendent. Authorizes the city or county to return to an appointed director of schools after a vote by the city or county legislative body or upon petition brought by 10 percent of the qualified voters.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Cities and counties may elect to establish the office of school superintendent and buy out an appointed director of schools' contract before the end of the contract, increasing local government expenditures. This one-time permissive increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000, and will depend on the time period remaining on the contract at the time of the buyout.
- Referenda to establish the office of elected school superintendent or to return to an appointed director of schools will be timed to coincide with a general election.
- The cost to add the election of the superintendent every four years after establishment of the office will depend upon how many local governments choose to elect their school superintendent.
- All additional election items will be added to the ballot during the normal printing process. Any increase in permissive local expenditures for the initial referendum establishing the office; for the addition of this item to the ballot after establishment of the office; or for a referendum to return to an appointed director of schools will be not significant.
- Any increase in permissive local government expenditures to make necessary changes in the administration of LEAs that will have an office of elected superintendent will be not significant.

- No increase in the BEP formula.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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